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Belleville DDA chairperson Rosemary Loria dead at 70

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Rosemary Ann Loria, 70, life-long Belleville resident and current chairperson of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, died at her home early Friday, Nov. 15, after a courageous battle with cancer.



She and her husband Rosemary Loria of 50 years, Belleville Mayor Pro-Tem Jack P. Loria, were both named Distinguished Graduates of Belleville High School in 2018, and they both were devoted to giving

service to the community of Belleville.

The family has asked for memorial contributions to be used towards the beautification of the town she loved so much.

Loria was instrumental in putting together the BooVille idea to fill the city with activities during the month of October. Last summer, she and others sat across Main Street from Scott Jones' property and watched heavy machinery tear down the dilapidated buildings on the site that had marred the entry to the City of Belleville for so long. She reported that she clapped when the ugly buildings fell.

She also was instrumental in bringing the outdoor sculptures to Belleville.

Loria and the DDA most recently were working together to redesign Fourth Street to make sure the entry to the new Belleville Area District Library was the best it could be, with trees and green space and places to sit.

When she was too weak to come to city hall, DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson and City Manager Diana Kollmeyer visited Loria at her home to discuss DDA business and to keep her in the loop where she wanted to be.

Loria also had served on the city council.

Although she could be very tough in defending a decision, she had a very warm heart. As chairperson of the DDA, she often baked treats and brought them in for

special occasions to share with the DDA members and the public.

Last summer on a very hot day -- although she was a bit frail from her ongoing battle with cancer -- she attended the Masonic Lodge's dedication of the cornerstone for the new district library. She was an avid reader and loved the library.

Crowds of people came to visitations for her on Sunday and Monday at the David C. Brown Funeral Home. On Tuesday a funeral mass was held at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Cremation has been accorded.

Complete obituary on page 7.

BHS comeback defeats West Bloomfield, earns Regional title

By Robert Mytych
Independent Sports Writer

Belleville High School varsity football trailed 15-0 midway through the second quarter before scoring 27 straight points to pull out a 27-22 victory over West Bloomfield at BHS last Saturday to win the Division 1 Regional title.

The victory improved the Tiger's record

to 12-0 and the win was the second straight over the Lakers as the two same teams faced off last year with the same stakes on the line.

Belleville travels to Howell this Saturday to take on Brighton (10-2) at 1 p.m. The winner will advance to the state finals at Ford Field over Thanksgiving weekend.

Trailing 15-0 in the second quarter, Tiger

quarterback Christian Dhue-Reid and his offense were ignited once they got their first first-down of the game out of the way with a handoff to running back Ty Trayon Lewis, who broke away from a bottled up Laker defense and rushed for a 50-yard TD with less than four minutes remaining in the first half.

From there Belleville scored touchdowns

on their next three possessions before holding off a final effort by the Lakers, who scored a touchdown to get within five, 27-22 at the two-minute warning.

The Lakers proceeded to recover the onside kick before turning the ball over to the Tigers on downs at the Belleville 31-yardline.

Belleville City Council levies 2-mill assessment for public safety

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On Monday, with a bare quorum present, the Belleville City Council voted to levy a 2-mill property tax assessment for one year for public safety.

The assessment will be on the winter tax roll being sent to taxpayers in December and due on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

Voting yes were Councilmen Jesse Marcotte and Tom Fielder and Mayor Kerreen Conley. Absent from the meeting were Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria, whose wife had just died, and Councilman Tom Smith. This would have been their last

meetings as council members.

The council referred to the Nov. 5 election where city voters approved the proposal of 2 mills for 10 years, 348-262, in an advisory vote. The assessment is expected to bring in \$90,000 the first year it is levied.

City attorney Steve Hitchcock said the council has to annually pass a resolution to levy the millage.

Councilman Fielder said the voters approved the assessment. He said the council did not need the approval, but wanted to get the feel of the community before making its decision.

Attorney Hitchcock said every year the council will have to decide on an assessment of zero to two mills for 10 years.

Fielder made the motion, seconded by Marcotte and passed by the three council members present.

John Juriga said from the audience that he thought the council wanted to wait until a full council was present to vote on the assessment.

"We can't wait," said Mayor Conley, noting this is the last meeting they could approve this to get it on this winter's tax bill.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said the capital equipment plan for public safety is separate from other departments. She said the financial consultant from Plante Moran will bring a budget amendment back to the council for this.

"We anticipate a multi-year program,"

said Fielder, adding he would like to see the program continue for 10 years. He said they would like to see the details for the police and fire vehicles.

City Manager Kollmeyer said they would have to accumulate funds for a fire engine.

Marcotte said he would like to revisit the list of items announced that this assessment

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Judges of the Belleville Area Community Art show at the BYC on Nov. 1 were Barbara Heller of the Detroit Institute of Arts, left, and Sally J. Mac Mullan, local artist and former art teacher.



Jean Morris received a plaque from the Belleville Area Council for the Arts for her work on the ten years of the community art show, and for contributing her art to each year of the show.



Neil and Thelma Griffin received an award for her leadership of the 2018-19 Community Art Fish Project.



Judge Barbara Heller from the DIA stands behind Megan Mulvenna, second place in the Children's category, and Kylie Ion, first place in that category.



Mercy Scott, center, earned first place in the Teens category. Aeris Tabor, left, won second place and Richard Ernest, right, won third.



Steve Paulsen, right, won first place in the Recycle Recreated category. Thelma Griffin, center, won second, and Rhonda Dutton won third.



Two-D art winner was Diane Matz, right, and Elizabeth Dobbs, left, was third.



Reginald Ion won second place in the photography category and Allen Brooks won third.



Diane Eissinger, left, won first place in the 3-D category, and Loel Gnadt won second place.



Ken Voigt, center, received recognition for his contribution in presenting Music Lakeside for 10 years straight. He called John Juriga, left, and Steve Jones up to share the award since they have been part of Music Lakeside from the beginning.

Belleville Area Community Art show winners

Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman



OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT Board decides not to put speaker's back to audience

One of the proposals in a change order for upgrades to the Van Buren Township board room was to pull the podium from the side of the room and put it in the middle of the room facing the board – with the speaker's back to the audience.

That would entail saw-cutting the concrete floor to run new lines so the podium could have high-tech equipment. It would cost about \$4,200 to move the podium and board members thought that was ridiculous and, after much discussion, it was pulled from the project.

At Monday's workshop session, the board discussed several proposals for change orders for the board room and just couldn't get behind moving the podium for \$4,200.

Matt Best, Director of Public Services, explained that leaving the podium at the side of the room makes it too tight, especially with the electronic equipment that allows you to place images of paperwork on the big screens, hanging on the wall next to the speaker – especially when the screen is pulled out at an angle, which it has been for the last few meetings.

"I got sticker shock," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara, referring to the cost.

Sumpter Township recently moved its podium from the middle of the room to the side of the room so the audience wouldn't have to stare at the speaker's back any longer. We thank the VBT board for keeping the podium where it is.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We've been informed that Kay and Paul Atkins are living with Kay's daughter and her family in Missouri. Kay is doing very well, we're told. Sharp as ever. Paul is still on dialysis. We're trying to get an address, so their many friends can send cards to them.

A reader came into our office on Friday to suggest we tell senior citizens, again, that Social Security does NOT call you on the phone. Those who do and say they are from Social Security are scamming you. This man told us he got this scam call and other scam calls on his cell phone.

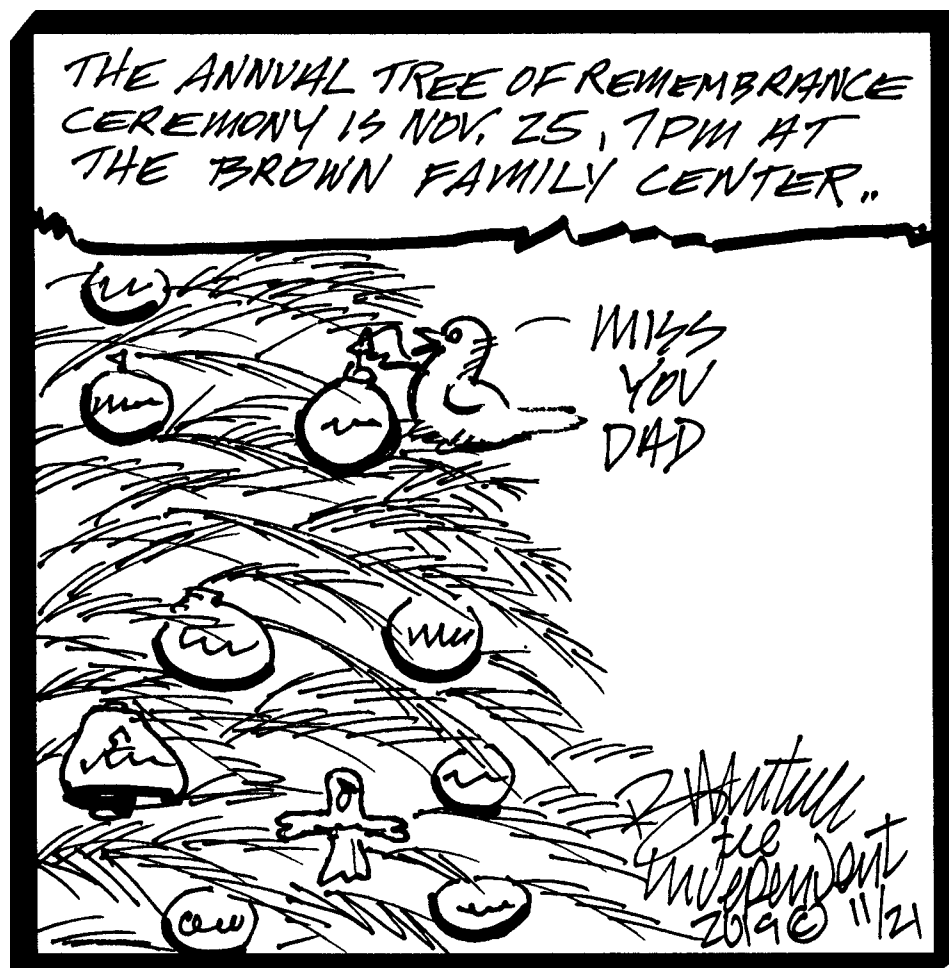
While we were out delivering papers last Thursday, a reader gave us a printout of a scam offer he received by email. It says he won a prize of \$103,000 in the category "B" Powerball November winning. All he has to do to get the money is to send them \$300 to buy the draw ticket. They wanted personal information, as well. He knew it was a scam.

The next FIRST Robotics competition will be held March 12-14, 2020, at Belleville High School. This competition is for teams in grades 9 through 12.

The public is invited to view the contests free of charge.

On Monday, a bare quorum of the Belleville City Council held a special meeting at 6 p.m., before the regular 7:30 p.m. meeting. The *Independent* received no announcement that a special meeting had been scheduled, so we weren't there.

It lasted an hour and 20 minutes and was to discuss the city manager search. I got there



five minutes before it closed and only heard that, apparently, planning commissioner Matt Wagner may be a candidate, with City Manager Diana Kollmeyer saying they need to wait "until he decides what he wants to do."

The city council meetings are not recorded except by notes, so we haven't a clue about what really happened there and why the newspaper's usual announcement wasn't sent.

It wasn't a secret meeting. Conley, Marcotte, and Fielder were present at the council table. Also, the two new city council members were present in the audience, along with the fire chief, DPW director, the city attorney, Wagner, and a few others.

When I asked why we weren't informed, she said two weeks ago two city council members called for a special meeting to talk about the city manager search and she doesn't know why I didn't get the information. I did point out I got the legal notices she sent for publication. Somehow the press got taken off the list of those who need to know what's going on.

I've nothing against Matt Wagner. I've known of him since he was a little boy helping my mom on her herb farm. Then he grew up and went to college and was appointed to the city planning commission. Maybe he's destined to be our new city manager.

I'd just like to be able to report to you how that came about.

The fireworks that will be shot off from the Denton Road bridge after the Winter Festival lighted parade on Dec. 7 will be by a new group: the local Michigan Fireworks Club. The club was hired by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. It was the same group that set off the fireworks on July 4 over Belleville Lake at the BYC.

Joshua Edwards, the club leader, was not available to explain the project to the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its work/study session on Monday, so Rick Dawson filled in. The board had to give permission for the fireworks because the bridge is in the township.

Dawson said he and his son will be taking part in the fireworks, since they are certified. He said they will pull a trailer in with the fireworks in place, shoot them off electronically, and then pull the trailer out. He said the Chamber has \$3,500 and that will be the club's pay, but if they come up with \$4,000, then their pay will be \$4,000.

When asked why the Chamber is changing from the usual fireworks company, Dawson said, "More bang for the buck and we're local." He said the show is slated to start at 7 o'clock. He said anyone who saw the fireworks on the Fourth of July will know they do good work.



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Letters

Letter to Soulmate who died Nov. 11

To Ambera Lee Booth

October 28, 1988 – November 11, 2019:

Hey babe, this letter is only meant for you. Miss you and always will love you. Every night I burn. Every night I call your name. Every night I hurt. Every night I scream your name. Love you so much, babe. As I write this letter I can feel your spirit next to me. When I get to heaven, I will love you lots more. And death cannot stop true love. It can delay it only for a while. I will see you and wrestle you in heaven, babe.

I am including our song, babe. Somewhere out there. Someone needs me. I don't know how or where, but believe me. I will walk the universe to find her. For better or for worse beside her. For the honor of love. By the power above. I have the power. A stranger walked into my world. And when he talked, I really heard. He spoke of things like love and peace. The joy they bring will never cease. For the honor of love. By the power above. I have the power. I have the power. The truth of love will always guide us. Its strength above will be inside us. Forever more we'll be together. Our hearts will soar one to the other. For the honor of love. By the power above we have the power -- we have the power.

That song is us, babe. Your mom sends her love and she really loves and misses you. And, I will always love you, babe.

Your Soulmate Mike Wright, Belleville Vampire panther loves his queen of the damned.

Every night I dream a crow-like dream to bring you back to me.

Christmas Band Concert is set for Friday, Dec. 20

To the editor:

The Belleville Community Band proudly announces its yearly Christmas Concert, under the direction of Mr. Zach Donnelly. Join us for an evening of fun entertainment for all ages.

Friday, Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
417 Charles St.

The board and members of the Community Band, would like to extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thank our community for the continuous support over the years.

Jack Keelan, president
Belleville Community Band

Thanks for support for Friday Fill-up project

To the editor and the *Independent* team:

Thank you so much for your continued coverage of Trinity's "Friday Fill-up!" project. We are very proud of how our community has come together to feed these kids – and the *Independent* has been such a major help in getting the word out! Many people have read about us in the paper and simply show up to help out – it's just fantastic.

In gratitude
Gabby Burton
Martha Hanoian

Letter to my friends who are Democrats

To the editor:

To any of my dear Democrat friends (and that may be an oxymoron):

I'm very sorry if I hurt any of your feelings when I referred to you as being "STUPID!"

I really thought you already knew!

Sincerely,
Cornell Anton, Jr.
Belleville

President Trump's Abuse of Power

To the editor and our community:

Oct. 31 I watched the House's vote on the Impeachment Inquiry rules and wondered how President Trump would respond. It didn't take long, the tweet, "greatest witch hunt in American history".

Remember when Trump said he could shoot someone on Fifth Avenue and get away with it? At the time, I wondered whether he was using hyperbole to make a point? Or saying -- no one would care? OR did he believe you can't do anything to stop me? I'm President!

Meanwhile, Trump continues to act Trumpian. His actions in Ukraine initiated the Impeachment Inquiry. Trump's telephone conversation with the Ukrainian President was squirreled away on secure servers.

Reliable witnesses say Trump attempted to blackmail the Ukrainian President to find dirt on Joe Biden, a potential 2020 Democratic opponent. And Trump's chief of staff, Mulvaney, tells the press we should get over it! THAT is Trump's style of governing!

When Trump says "no quid pro quo," he means - nothing came of it. Ukraine got their money and he didn't get dirt on Biden. Trump thinks that makes it okay. However, the Impeachment Inquiry is about deciding whether Trump's behavior rises to impeachable acts.

Do we Americans believe this behavior is impeachable? Yes, I think so. Trump was abusing his presidential power for personal reasons!

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More Letters

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Blackmailing the Ukrainian leader, withholding Congress-approved financial support UNLESS that leader did what Trump wanted – that should be behavior worthy of impeachment. EVEN IF Trump's efforts didn't pan out, his intentions were crystal clear.

I'm uneasy with a President who is supposed to protect Americans and the Constitution but doesn't act that way. One who doesn't take his oath of office seriously. And I'm very uneasy when Trump believes there are enough Americans who don't care what he does, and that he'll remain in office.

While the Impeachment Inquiry unfolds, let's think about how we Americans should judge Trump's behavior. Whether you support this president, or you haven't cared about what he's been doing, you should be considering these things. Either you support what Trump did or you don't? Either you believe this President is above the law, or you don't? Either you believe in the rule of law and our Constitution, or you don't? This is one of those times in history, no one has the luxury of being undecided. There's no middle ground.

Barbara Zysk-Berman
Sumpter Township

City Council

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will cover.

In other business at Monday's 40-minute meeting, the council:

- Held a public hearing on an ordinance amendment regulating penalties of juveniles who violate a city ordinance and then approved the ordinance change. City attorney Hitchcock said this is so those 16 and under will be prosecuted for ordinance violations, such as noise and loitering, as a civil infraction rather than a misdemeanor

so they don't get a criminal record. The violation would be prosecuted as a city ordinance violation, rather than under state statute. This was requested by the 34th District Court. "It gives juvenile offenders a second chance," explained Ken Voigt, a retired police officer who was recently elected to city council;

- Set a Dec. 2 public hearing to consider an ordinance opting out of businesses in the city having to do with Recreational Marijuana. Hitchcock said the city opted out of medical marijuana and then the law passed for recreational marijuana. He said a community can opt out of having these businesses in their community. He said this doesn't affect adults using marijuana. He said when a community opts out this must be filed with the state of Michigan so it can keep track of who opted out when it gets applications for licenses. Fielder said council members have unanimously said they wanted Belleville to be an opt-out community. He said 89% of communities in the state of Michigan have opted out and, "I don't know if it's buyers' regret";

- Witnessed Clerk Sherri Scharf open four sealed bids for refuse collection, which were then turned over to the administration for study and a recommendation. Bids came from Waste Management, Priority Waste of Clinton Township, Republic Waste, and GFL (Green for Life) Environmental. No numbers were read publicly;

- Approved Clerk Scharf's recommendation to accept the low bid of NeoPost for the city's new postage meter. She said this

vendor is the city's present provider of the postage meter. The five-year lease is billed quarterly at \$153.70 a month, a total of \$9,222. Cost is \$8 a month more than what the city is now paying. Other bidders were UTEC and Pitney Bowes. When asked if the city had a bulk mail permit, Scharf said they don't mail enough to qualify for bulk mailing. She said the city mails taxes, water bills, and election items, including ballots. Fire Chief Brian Loranger said, "We don't mail enough to get a bulk permit, but we have a postage meter";

- Was introduced to the two new employees in the front office: Takisha Hammon of Van Buren Township, new water/utilities payables clerk, and Angela Plummer of Sumpter Township, new payroll/building clerk;

- Approved \$109,365.01 in accounts payable and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to C&R Lakeside, \$5,800 for a change order for excavation and \$5,200 for a change order for rip rap; to Fire CATT, \$3,334.10 for annual fire hose and ground ladder testing for the fire department; and to Hennessey Engineers, \$1,073 for work on an MS4 permit w/EGLE, from the water department;

- Was informed city hall will be closed on Thanksgiving and the Friday after Thanksgiving and trash pickup will be on Friday that week;

- Heard Marcotte offer condolences to the Loria family in the death of Rosemary Loria. "She meant a lot to our community – serving in very, very many difference avenues." He

also thanked former councilwoman and then building clerk Kim Tindall for her service and wished her the best in her new endeavors;

- Heard Fielder report that the current #1 addiction for the last six months is alcohol again. It's been the #1 cause for treatment. He also noted Nov. 26 would be the kickoff for the Festival of Trees at the museum;

- Heard Mayor Conley say this was the last meeting before Thanksgiving. She said the late Rosemary Loria served the community in very many different ways. She urged people to reflect on life and those that are important to them because life is really short. She said the new council members will be sworn in on Dec. 2;

- Heard Fire Chief Loranger congratulate the Belleville High School football team for its wins. He announced his fire department has won a \$35,000 grant for new radios, which will cost the city 10% -- \$3,500. He said the FEMA grant was through the Western Wayne Mutual Aid group.

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Betty Ann Oelke

BETTY ANN OELKE

(March 31, 1924 – November 9, 2019)

Age 95, of Tecumseh. Died peacefully early Saturday morning at the Tecumseh Place Assisted Living, November 9, 2019.

Betty is the beloved wife of the late Grant (d. 1986); loving mother of Robert (Sharon) Oelke of Adrian, Bette (Jack) Burgett of Atlanta and Brenda Ery of Tecumseh; cherished grandmother of Lisa, Scott (Jackie), Linsey (Dan), Jessica, Jeremy, Emily, Casey, Mike (Christine), Sean (Willow) and Sarah; great-grandchildren Samantha (Stuart), Genna (Shane), Colton, Tanner, Blake, Lily, Lanie, Levi, Hayden, Daniel and Sydney; great-great-grandchildren Charlotte, Madeline, Hudson, Rowen and Kayden. Mrs. Oelke is also survived by her sister, Marjorie Bock of Howell, Sister in Law Elaine Dunk and Son in Law Harry "Doc" Pinter. Sadly, she is preceded in death by her daughter Bonnie Pinter and brother David Dunk.

Born on March 31, 1924 to David and Margaret Dunk in Detroit, Betty moved with her family to Milan, MI for a short time before her family settled in the Belleville area. After graduating from Belleville High School (class of 1942), she married her sweetheart, Grant Oelke, and they proceeded to raise a family after the war. Mrs. Oelke went to work as a "Rosie the Riveter" in the Willow Run bomber plants to support her country during the war. In addition to tending to her home and family, she was very respected in the Van Buren school system in her long-time position as the Principal's Secretary and Receptionist, ultimately retiring in 1985. In her spare time she enjoyed singing, including being part of the choir of the First United Methodist Church of Belleville, and used her beautiful voice as a wedding singer. She also taught herself to play the piano, as well. Helping people and giving back to her community were always a top priority for her. She was involved with the American Red Cross and had the honor of a lifetime achievement award bestowed upon her. Animals were also a true love-- she raised mini-ponies for many years, and her dear dog "Cuddles" was always by her side. Betty had a true love of nature. She enjoyed many summers at the family cottage near Mio, where she could reflect on nature in a quiet setting, while gardening or maintaining the lawns. Mostly she loved her immediate and extended family, and would do anything for them. She will be truly missed.

In keeping with Mrs. Oelke's wishes, a simple cremation has been arranged. She will be interred in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville in the future. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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RICHARD M. LAMB

(March 29, 1965 – November 7, 2019)

Age 54, of Belleville. Died in Ellenton, FL. Survived by mother Patricia Lamb, brothers John and Keith Lamb, a nephew and a niece. Services were Nov. 13 at Janowiak Funeral Home, Ypsilanti. janowiakfuneralhome.com



Rosemary Ann Loria

ROSEMARY ANN LORIA

(December 3, 1948 – November 15, 2019)

Rosemary Ann Loria, age 70, life-long Belleville resident, passed away peacefully at her home early Friday, November 15, 2019, under St. Joseph Mercy Hospice care, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born December 3, 1948, in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of Frank Bernard & Patricia Sue (Horton) Korgal, Jr.

Rosemary is survived by her devoted husband of 50 years, Jack P. Loria, son Michael (Jennifer) Loria, daughter Jackie (Ken) Floro, 8 grandchildren: Vincent, Anthony, Sophia, Francesca, Elizabeth, Katherine, Natalie and Rebecca; her mother Patricia Korgal, brother Richard Korgal, all of Belleville, MI, and numerous colleagues, friends and extended family. She was preceded in death by her father on October 15, 2011.

Rosemary graduated from Belleville High School Class of 1966. She worked for the Deering Insurance Agency for 20 years. She also worked as a secretary for Van Buren Public Schools for numerous years. She was a member of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Belleville City Council for many years. Rosemary was instrumental in bringing the art sculptures to Belleville and was also on the team that started Belleville's BooVille. She enjoyed baking, flower gardening, and most of all, time spent with her grandchildren. She was an avid reader who loved the Fred C. Fischer Library and often took her grandchildren there.

Visitation was 3-7 PM Sunday and 12-6 PM Monday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Her Funeral Mass was at 11:00 AM Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to her family, to be used towards the beautification of the town she loved so much, Belleville.

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JOHN LOGAN LEE, JR.

(February 21, 1969 – November 12, 2019)

Age 50 of Romulus and formerly of Ypsilanti. Survived by wife Misty, mother Mary, sons Codey and Thomas, daughter Chyenne, two grandchildren, brother Roy, sister Sommer. Service was Nov. 18. Janowiak Funeral Home, Ypsilanti. janowiakfuneralhome.com

PATRICIA ROGERS RICHARDS

(April 12, 1940 – November 1, 2019)

Age 79, Belleville. Survived by daughter Veronica, sons Philip and Wayne, 9 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren. Taught in Van Buren Public Schools. Services were at Janowiak Funeral Home, Ypsilanti. janowiakfuneralhome.com

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Obituaries



Pauline Eloise Rise

PAULINE ELOISE RISE

(April 27, 1930 – November 15, 2019)

Age 89, of Van Buren, died peacefully with her family by her side on Friday afternoon, November 15, 2019.

Pauline is the beloved wife of the late Lester (d. 2008); loving mother of Brenda (Randy) Carpenter of Pinckney and Sherri (John) Satlowski of Belleville; cherished grandmother of Amanda (Tom) Coak of Westland. Mrs. Rise is also survived by her great-granddaughter, Avaleigh and her grandpets, "Maggie" and "Rojo". Sadly, she is preceded in death by her sister, Isabelle (d. 2011).

Born on April 27, 1930 to Forrest & Gertrude Doerr, in Mancelona, Michigan, Pauline moved to the Belleville area and was a longtime Van Buren Township School system employee. Retiring in 1990, Mrs. Rise had more time to enjoy the family cottage on Lake May in Hawks, Michigan. She enjoyed flowers, hummingbird watching, reading and solving puzzles. Her favorite activity was to spoil her granddaughter and great-granddaughter. She was very loved and will be missed.

Visitation hours were arranged for Tuesday, November 19, from 2:00-8:00 PM at the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. (734) 697-4500. A time of prayer and reflection was held at 7:00 PM. In lieu of customary tributes, please consider memorial contributions to the Huron Valley Humane Society.

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Randy Joseph Sykes

RANDY JOSEPH SYKES

(February 3, 1961 – November 16, 2019)

Age 58, died unexpectedly on November 16, 2019.

Randy is the beloved husband of Leesa for fifteen wonderful years; loving father of Jessica (Ricky) Hickman of Ypsilanti, Matthew Edson of Ypsilanti and Derek Sykes of Belleville; beloved grandfather of Brianna, Simone, Ajaiya, Laila and Liam; cherished brother of Sheila (Dan) Lessard of Nevada, Rick Sykes of Florida, Sharon Sykes of Florida and Richard (Carol) Sykes of Michigan. Mr. Sykes is also survived by many loving family and friends and the family cat, "Boots". Sadly, he is preceded in death by his father John Sykes (d.2008), mother Evelyn Sykes (d.2006) and sister Sandy Drake. Born on February 3, 1961 in Ypsilanti, Randy attended Ypsilanti High School (*Class of 1979*). A fifteen-year employee with the University of Michigan Hospital, Randy in his spare time enjoyed building model cars, rebuilding classic cars, being a handyman around the house and spending time with his family.

A funeral ceremony has been arranged for 11:00 AM, Saturday, November 23, 2019 in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. (734) 697-4500. The Sykes family will greet guests from 10:00 AM.

Pastor Dave Stephens of Connections Church of Canton will conduct the funeral service. Visitation has also been arranged for Friday from 2-8 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of customary tributes, please consider Motts Children's Hospital of the University of Michigan.

Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 5:30 p.m.

- Monday, Dec. 2 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Dec. 3 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.

- Monday, Dec. 9 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

House passes Rosie the Riveter Congressional Gold Medal Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Nov. 13, the House of Representatives passed legislation, supported by Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, D-MI, to award the Congressional Gold Medal to "Rosie the Riveter," the iconic women who went to work during World War II and redefined the role of women in the workplace.

"Rosie the Riveter is an important symbol for me and her picture hangs in all three of my offices," said Dingell. "More than 6 million Rosies went to work to support the war effort during World War II, including more than 40,000 employed at Willow Run in Ypsilanti."

"With grace and gusto, these women entered the workforce and redefined the role of the American woman. Awarding Rosie the Riveter the Congressional Gold Medal recognizes their important contributions. We need to preserve our history and remember that we all have the power to do something more for our community and our country," she said.

Rosie the Riveter was a real woman, Rose Will Monroe, who worked at the

Willow Run Aircraft Factory in Ypsilanti building B-24 bombers for the U.S. Air Force. Another Michigan factory worker, Geraldine Hoff Doyle, was depicted in the now-famous poster. In 2017, Dingell and area women reclaimed the Guinness World Record for the "Largest Gathering of People Dressed as Rosie the Riveter," including several original Rosies who worked at the plant.

At the peak of its production during World War II, the Willow Run Plant employed 42,000 workers, as much as one-third of whom were pioneering women industrial workers, collectively nicknamed "Rosie the Riveter."

Willow Run produced more aircraft every month on its mile-long assembly line than Imperial Japan did in a year, earning it, and the area surrounding Southeast Michigan, worldwide fame as the center of America's "Arsenal of Democracy." The nationwide American "Production Miracle," of which Willow Run was the finest and most ambitious example, was a critical factor in ending the deadliest conflict in history.

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Santa is coming to the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 2, to visit with children and hear their Christmas wishes.

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shy to whisper in Santa's ear, to bring their hand-written wish list, instead.

For more information, call the library at (734) 699-3291.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Nov. 25 – Belleville Parks and Recreation Commission, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Nov. 26 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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Sumpter board eliminates medical benefits, reimbursement

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After a long, confusing discussion at its regular meeting on Nov. 12, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to eliminate the eligibility for medical benefits and medical reimbursement for the township supervisor, clerk, treasurer and trustees.

The vote was 6-0 with Trustee Don Swinson absent. The change takes place Dec. 1.

The board base compensation schedule was not changed, with Supervisor John Morgan earning \$22,418.70, Clerk Esther Hurst and Treasurer Ken Bednark earning \$18,830.68, and trustees earning \$8,322 each. This is according to a chart given out to members of the audience before the meeting.

Trustee Matthew Oddy had put a proposal on the agenda to eliminate medical benefits and medical reimbursements for the elected officials, but he included raises for board members. He said his total package would save \$10,104.57.

Members of the audience noted Trustee Oddy's proposal was a 225% raise in base pay for trustees, who would go up to \$18,650 each.

Oddy proposed the clerk and treasurer go up to \$28,000 and the supervisor up to \$32,000.

Oddy said the current compensation goes back 20 years to 2000. "I'm excited," he said, noting many conversations have taken place about taking medical coverage out and raising the pay of the board.

Treasurer Ken Bednark said he provided the information to the audience, plus the

background, which includes a 1% increase to match the unions.

"I would like to remove the fuzzy math," Treasurer Bednark said. "It's ill-founded and has not been discussed with the board."

Bednark said Oddy has been on the board for five to six years and when Bednark brings the issue to the forefront at the last meeting, Oddy suddenly comes forward with a plan.

Bednark said he asked to talk about the issue before the budget time so they can be a fiscally competent board.

Bednark said Oddy's proposal doubles the base of the trustees, with raises for clerk, treasurer, and supervisor.

"Board members are getting \$400 a meeting now," Bednark said, adding, "Most shocking is the medical reimbursements. It's a windfall."

Bednark went over the medical reimbursements and noted Oddy's reimbursement was almost double his base pay.

"Now he wants a lump sum with a 225% increase," Bednark said.

"Here we are, a rinky dink Sumpter Township" giving these raises to the elected officials. He said the financial director spoke of decreased revenue and increased costs.

"We need to be fiscally responsible," Bednark said. "We need to spend less and get more. 225% -- all within the guise of getting rid of medical reimbursements."

Bednark said he did research with the Michigan Township Association, looking at rural townships, and some get \$40 a meeting.

"Some places barely pay anything," he

said. "This township has tried to run itself like Canton Township and Van Buren Township."

Bednark said some of his critics have said that he's angry and curled up there ready to strike.

"I'm going to make a motion to remove this from the agenda," he said of Oddy's proposal.

"I'm tired of kicking things down the road," said Trustee Tim Rush. "I'm voting in favor of this."

"That would make good sense," Bednark replied. "Why don't we eliminate medical reimbursement entirely?"

"I'll make that proposal tonight," said Oddy, laughing after his statement.

"Eliminate medical reimbursement!" Bednark agreed.

Supervisor Morgan suggested they reach a compromise and have a meeting to discuss the issue, discuss the proposals.

Trustee LaPorte said the hardest thing for him is to sit up there at the board table and say what he is worth. He said the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer have monies that pay for people to help them do their jobs, but the trustees work all on their own.

He said to Bednark that he has good merits and Oddy has good merits and a committee wouldn't be a bad idea at all, but that would be a rowdy meeting.

Bednark's proposal to get rid of township paid cellphones for elected officials hit a nerve with LaPorte, since he is the only one who has such a phone.

LaPorte, the board liaison to the fire department and a fire fighter, said the township has to have a line for emergencies. He said the police have one.

Former Treasurer Peggy Morgan said this township provides life and medical insurance and the board should get it. Reimbursement is a whole different thing and she was not in favor of the reimbursement.

She said Supervisor Elmer Parraghi needed medical insurance and the board wouldn't give it to him.

Township attorney Rob Young said all employees have to have provision for insurance and you can't choose by need.

"If you didn't take the buyout, it would

take 100% to provide the insurance," Young said, adding for example, if they can buy out LaPorte for 50%, it's a savings to the township. "It saves the township the money."

Peggy Morgan said at Ford Motor Co., if you want insurance, you sign on, or you pass.

"The only way you pass is if you get compensation," Young said.

The *Independent* asked if this proposed change in elected officials' pay was for the next board, elected in 2020, because you can't change your own pay while in office.

Young said the medical reimbursement can be changed, but not the base pay which was on the ballot.

Most of the discussion was in the work/study session.

When it got to that agenda item during the regular meeting, Trustee Oddy made a motion to approve the item he put on the agenda, with Clerk Hurst supporting. Trustee Rush made a motion to amend the motion to take off new pay rates for officials.

Attorney Young suggested everyone withdraw their motions and start over. Rush made a motion to eliminate reimbursement of medical insurance and use the 2019-20 existing base pay for elected township officials.

"And, eliminate eligibility for medical coverage," Oddy added in supporting the motion. This passed 6-0, with one absent.

In other business at the Nov. 12 meeting, the board:

- Removed from the agenda the request by Clerk Esther Hurst for a full-time shared-services position based in the clerk's office;
- Approved the Brown Dog Millwork Package for the library media center for \$27,375, paid out of library funds;
- Approved the reappointment of Matt Oddy to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, with a term to expire Nov. 20, 2022. He presently is board liaison to these groups;
- Approved a management agreement with the Nature Conservancy through Dec. 31, 2025. The conservancy recently received

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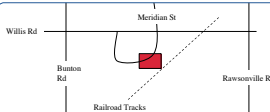
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- **Saturday, Nov. 23** – Craft & Vendor Show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Belleville High School commons is a fund raiser for the Senior Class. No admission fee.
- **Sunday, Nov. 24** – Dine to Donate all day at Haab's restaurant, 18 West Michigan Ave., in downtown Ypsilanti, to benefit the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue. Ten percent of all sales will be donated to FMAR. Info: (734) 483-8200.
- **Sunday, Nov. 24** – Free Sunday Music from 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Today the music is by Waco Band.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 26** – Caregiver Cafe is set from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Head Start Library at Haggerty School, 13770 Haggerty Rd. Bring questions on foster grandparenting vs. guardianship, financial options for seniors/relatives, support services for families, legal issues, medical assistance, utility assistance, pre-education assistance. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. Info: Monica Bancroft (734) 785-7708.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 26** – Belle Noelle Bonfire and opening of the Tree Festival at the Belleville Area Museum, 5-7 p.m. Tree festival runs through Dec. 21.
- **Saturday, Nov. 30** – The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train is scheduled to head through Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville this evening, sometime after it leaves its last stop in Windsor around 6:30

p.m. No one knows exactly when it will fly through this area, but many stand by to watch it go through. No stops in Michigan.

• **Sunday, Dec. 1** – No music at the September Senior Center today.

• **Sunday, Dec. 1** – Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park in Belleville. A brief ceremony honors those with past and present military service. The playing of "Taps" is always a part of the ceremony.

• **Monday, Dec. 2** – Santa will be at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Kids: if you are too shy to whisper in Santa's ear, bring your hand-written wish list to give to him.)

• **Tuesday, Dec. 3** – Red Cross Blood Drive at Great Lakes Corporate Center, 1 Village Center Dr., Van Buren Township, from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

• **Thursday, Dec. 5** – Jubilee Christmas Concert with Legacy 5 & Greater Vision at 7 p.m., hosted by Bethany Bible Church, Belleville. Purchase tickets at bethanybiblechurch.com.

• **Friday, Dec. 6** – Southwestern

Wayne County Democratic Club Holiday Party at UAW Local 898 at 8975 Textile Rd., Ypsilanti (about 1.5 miles west of Rawsonville Road). Social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Donation of \$25 includes dinner, beer, wine, and setups.

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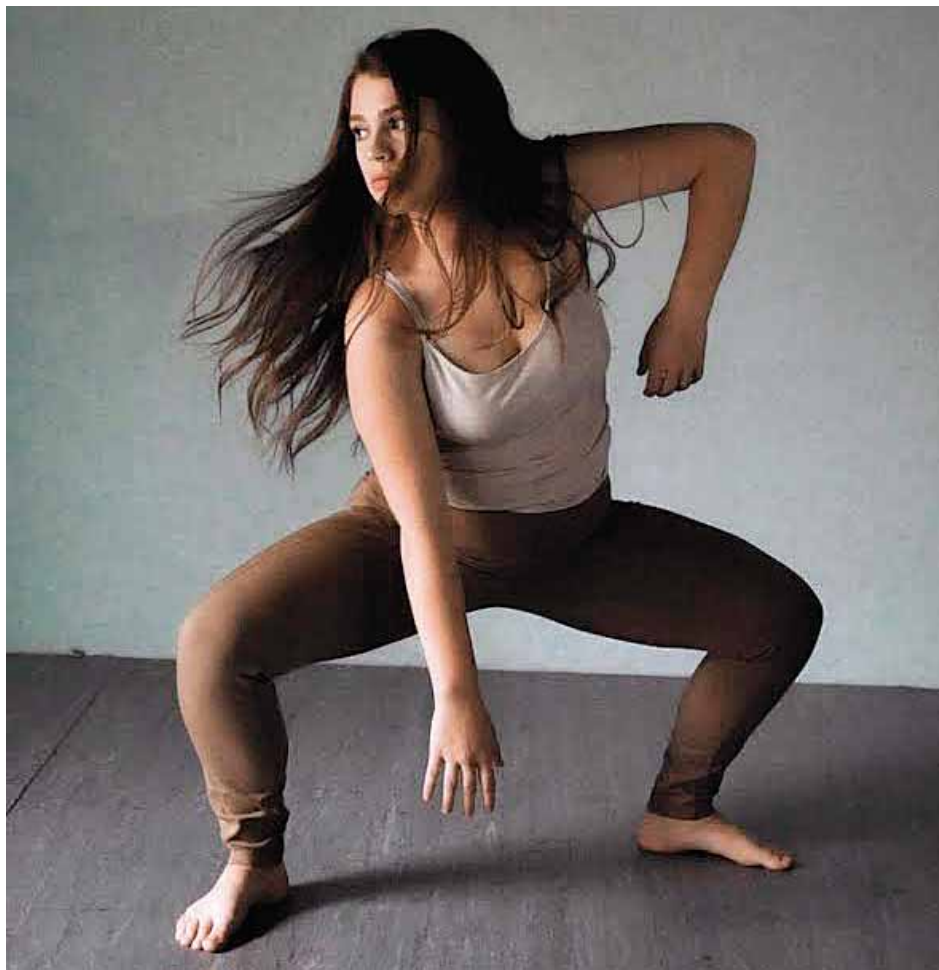
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Abigail Emerson to give dance performance in Detroit on Dec. 14

Abigail Emerson of Belleville will be performing in a young artist contemporary dance performance at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Boll Family YMCA, 1401 Broadway St., Detroit.

Abigail is a student at Belleville High School and the daughter of Julie and Kent Emerson.

On Dec. 14, the Young Dancers Initiative & Eisenhower Dance Detroit will present *Embodied*, a young artist contemporary dance performance with guest performances from various other groups.

Embodied is the third event of its kind, a collaboration between young dancers across the state of Michigan. It celebrates the excellence of youth artists in Michigan for a night of newly developed contemporary dance works.

Young Dancers Initiative is a pre-professional dance company under the umbrella of the professional company, Jodie Randolph Dance, with a mission of empowering young artists through dance education. The focus of the program is on dance training and performance, with the sole purpose being to bridge the gap between studio training and college dance programs.

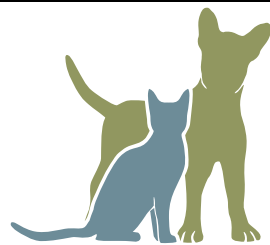
The School of Eisenhower Dance Detroit has a similar mission of fostering the appreciation of dance as an art form. Students are taught and mentored by former and current professional dancers alongside a staff of highly skilled instructors with degrees in dance.

On Dec. 14, YDI will collaborate with Eisenhower Dance Detroit for their annual performance, a culmination of the pieces they've been rehearsing for several months.

Embodied is the encompassing theme of the show, inviting the audience to examine contemporary notions of how we perceive the body as owners and spectators. This show is suitable for those of all ages looking to support the growth of young artists in the community.

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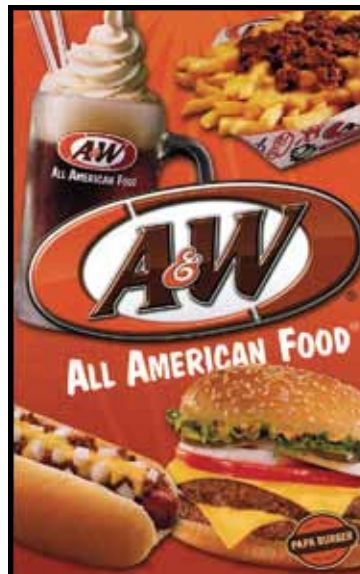


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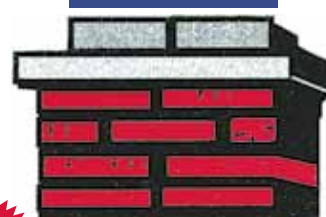
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funding to restore wet prairie habitat for the benefit of the Blazing Star Borer Moth. This is an endangered species with only 24 sightings in Michigan since 1984. One of those sightings was on a parcel on Arkona Road owned by Sumpter Township;

- Approved hiring Austin Tyler Wegienka as a fire fighter, contingent upon him

passing a physical exam and drug screen;

- Approved a one-year, auto-renewed recycling agreement with Planet Aid that will pay the township 5 cents per pound for donations for the recycling of clothing, books, and shoes in three containers placed in the recycling area behind the township hall. It will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Deputy Clerk Anthony Burdick is in charge of the project. Planet Aid is based in Romulus;

- Approved the Scrap Tire CleanUp Grant of \$8,000 in unmatched money between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy and the township. This will provide a hauler and container to haul off tires;

- After a discussion, heard Bednark remove his request to have Sumpter police officers make bank deposits weekly at a Belleville bank until more information could be gathered;

- Removed from the agenda suggested procedures for Country Fest revenues to the treasurer's office;

- Heard Oddy say that in the Oct. 24 meeting it was stated that the landfill revenue is down, but it has been up in the last six of seven years. In 2019 there was a decline, the first in seven years, he said.

In 2017 and 2018 there were record highs, Oddy stated, noting the last three years were the highest since 2001;

- Heard Bednark ask Young if he was under contract with the board and Young replied he was retained 20 years ago and doesn't have a copy of a contract. Bednark said he needs to get all of their contractors under contract, including the engineers who also have been working forever. He said he thinks these services should be bid to save the residents some money. "I want

the board to follow its own rules," Bednark said;

- Heard Peggy Morgan say she understands why Treasurer Bednark is saying Parks and Rec. is a problem. She said the numbers never matched up and people would take money home. "That needs to be handled," she said; and

- Went into closed-door session to consider the Futernick pending litigation.

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Yankee Air Museum is hosting an entertainingly eclectic assembly of vintage aircraft and automobiles that everyone will enjoy. This exclusive show unfolds on the west side of Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti.

Wings and Wheels 2019 featured civilian airplanes and warbirds including the P-51 Mustang, TBM Avenger and a Canadian-liveried PBX Catalina submarine hunter. In all, there were 28 exceptional aircraft on the field joining nearly 100 extraordinary cars.

Among the many cars were historic Indycar racers on loan from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum. Perhaps more significant was the array of Ford GT40 and

Ford GT performance and racecars. One of the Ford GT40s appears in the recently released *Ford vs. Ferrari* movie in theaters now.

Yankee Air Museum promises even more excitement in 2020. Teams have already started scouring the regional community for exciting vehicles and aircraft to invite. The selection committees include prominent leaders in the automotive and aviation world, such as former General Motors Vice President, Bob Lutz.

"When Bob gets excited about a car, you know it is cool," said Peter DeLoof, Wings and Wheels chairperson. "No one is better connected to vintage aircraft than Kevin Walsh of Yankee Air Museum, producer of Thunder Over Michigan air show. When he's wowed, you know it's amazing."

The public is welcome to the event. Classic cars and aircraft appear by invitation only. Advance ticket sales will begin soon.

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District Library plans opening of media center in Sumpter on Dec. 14

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, at the new Sumpter Township branch of the Belleville Area District Library.

At the Nov. 12 regular meeting of the District Library Board, it was announced the branch -- which is a media center -- will be open for business after the ribbon cutting.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said when she visited the branch on Nov. 7, the roofing, exterior cladding/siding, and floor installation were almost complete. Millwork was scheduled for completion just before Thanksgiving.

Director Suchy said they will start installing computers the week of Nov. 17, after the certificate of occupancy has been

issued by the township.

Suchy said the plan for the new library in downtown Belleville, which is subject to change, is to close the current library on Jan. 13 and reopen in the new building on Feb. 8.

The branch in Sumpter will be open during this time period and library users can put a hold on books they want and pick them up in Sumpter.

Suchy reported that she and others met with the contractor from Wyandotte Alarm regarding security cameras and the alarm system for the new building. They also met twice with TEL System regarding audio visual capabilities for the new library.

She said the AV package will include a zoned speaker system in the building as well as conference call, video streaming, recording, projecting and other capabilities

in the meeting and program rooms.

LCD monitors will be installed in the story-time room, the teen room, on the wall behind the check-out desk, and at the branch.

"Now that we are this far into the project, O'Neal Construction has indicated a willingness on their part to release some of the contingency money for the AV systems," Suchy said. "I anticipate these systems being well used by the library and by community groups."

In other business at the one hour and 34-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved a letter of engagement to formalize the accounting work Sharon Duckworth, C.P.A., has been doing for the capital budget, as well as the general operating budget. Her cost is \$11,400 per year. In the beginning phase of construction, the library's accountants Ron Traskos and Duckworth from Post, Smythe, Lutz, and Ziehl, had approached the library regarding accounting services for the capital project and general operating budget. The library contracted with the firm to provide accounting for the construction project for \$1,600 per month. Duckworth became an independent contractor who the library engaged to work on general accounting needs at \$8,000 per year. In practice, Duckworth continued to function in both roles. With the new agreement, Duckworth

will provide monthly general fund financial statements instead of quarterly reports;

- Approved updated job descriptions for employees and also approved salary range recommendations, as presented by the Personnel committee and prepared by Suchy and staff;

- Discussed the Facilities Use Policy prepared by the Policy committee and presented by Mary Jane Dawson. The policy needs to be ready for the new building and it will be voted on at the Dec. 10 meeting;

- Was informed all board members are expected to fill out the forms to evaluate Library Manager Suchy and turn them in by Nov. 27 so the results can be discussed at the Dec. 10 meeting. "One of the key responsibilities of any board is overseeing the executive," said board president Sharon Peters; and

- Heard Peters again thank the community for supporting the library. The library had a goal of \$400,000 to supplement the building budget which grew higher than planned and with the help of legacy donors they met their goal and more is coming in pledges. Donations to be recognized as charter donations will be accepted until the end of the year. Peters said this support is a reflection of how the community feels about the library and that's because of the quality of its services.

Van Buren BZA OKs reduced rear setback for medical reasons

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, at its Nov. 12. regular meeting, unanimously approved a reduction of the township's required rear setback so the homeowner can build a bedroom and bathroom on the first floor of his home to accommodate a resident who has an aggressive form of Parkinson's disease.

Sukhreet Sandhu said they live at 9060 W. Walden Wood Dr. in a four-bedroom house with no bedrooms or full bathroom on the first floor.

"My father was diagnosed two years ago with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, which is an aggressive form of Parkinson's disease," Sandhu wrote in the request to the BZA.

"In the past two years he has gone from walking miles daily as a United States Postal Office Mail Carrier to walking with assistant [sic] of a walker to his current state of being wheelchair bound and unable to take up steps," Sandhu explained.

"During the same time he has also sustained numerous falls and experienced fractures in numerous ribs and hand. Due to my father's deteriorating health, we would like to convert one of the first-floor

rooms into an ADA compliant bedroom and full bathroom," Sandhu said.

The plan is to build an addition to the current house of about 17'x14'. The request to the BZA was for a variance of 12.24' in the required 35' rear-yard setback to 22.76'

The request for the variance was signed by Satinder Kaur, property owner.

In the request packet, the BZA received a letter from Ranjit Sandhu's doctor, Peter Lewitt, M.D., at Henry Ford Hospital explaining the disease in his 69-year-old patient, stating, "It is in my professional opinion as his Neurologist that he is in great need of a bedroom on his first floor with shower for health, safety, and security."

The family also presented a letter from neighbors Ryan and Carolyn Owens, who also supported the project.



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Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Oddy and Swinson. Clerk E. Hurst excused. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/Chief of Police Luke and approximately 17 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the agenda with the following edit; **TABLE** 12. New Business, Item j. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No Comments.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2019. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to accept the Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2019 with supportive adjournment of Holly Swinson replaced by Krystal Tackett. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the warrant total of

\$ 116,084.61. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, LaPorte, Oddy, Bednark, Swinson and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson:

• Belleville Chamber conducting Networking Gatherings of members the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7:45 to 9:00 am of each month. New Website is now active.

• Sunday, October 27th is the final Turkey Shoot. This year has been successful with weather being fantastic. Many new people and new faces involved this year in the events.

• Parks & Recreation will be attending the Trunks or Treat this year with Trustee Rush heading it up and will be welcoming any other volunteers who would like to support the event.

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Parks & Recreation/Chamber report. Motion carried.

8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy: No activity to Report.

*Trust Oddy conveyed condolences to the Planning Commission Chairperson Jane Stalmack with the recent passing of her mother.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Planning/Zoning report. Motion carried.

9. Senior Report-Hurst:

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Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the Senior report as presented by the Deputy Clerk. Motion carried.

10. Board Response:

• Treasurer Bednark spoke to the current compensation/benefits for the Board of Trustees and the associated costs with providing the current plan, as well as the disparity of balance for the Board Members. With the current economic climate and needed cost efficiencies, this needs to be review. Supervisor Morgan and Attorney Young gave a historical briefing of the current compensation plan.

• Trustee Oddy referenced Treasurer Bednark's comments and advised that he has been working with

Human Resources on a compensation plan schedule for several months and looks forward to sharing his findings and recommendations in the near future.

11. Unfinished Business:

A. Motion by Bednark, supported by Rush to decline renewal of the TOTAL INFO subscription to continue on the government access channel for 1 year at a cost of \$1,295. Motion carried.

12. New Business:

A. Motion by Bednark, supported by Swinson to approve the contract with WCA Assessing effective November 1, 2019 until November 1, 2022. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the request from AFSCME for the Township to be closed December 23rd, 2019 through January 1st, 2020; 4 personal or vacation days will be used. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve reappointments with a term ending October of 2022 for Kim Toms, Holly Swinson, Don Swinson, Sharon Pokewinski, Virginia Belinski, Tim Rush and Richard Pokewinski. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Bednark, supported by Swinson to approve Kim Toms to attend MFEA Convention for the weekend of November 1st. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve Sharon Pokewinski stepping down from Secretary on October 31st. Krystal Tackett to be Secretary of Parks and Recreation Commission starting November 1st. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve Krystal Tackett to be approved as Assistant Park Administrator. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve Dawn Argo from Alternate to Full Time member in Parks and Recreation. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the change order #1 to PO #23673 to include gutters and downspouts from JD Chandler roofing to be paid out of library funds in the amount of \$7,135.00. Motion carried.

I. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the change order #1 to PO #23624 of the street sign for library/media center at a cost of \$9,800.00 to be paid out of library funds. Motion carried.

J. TABLED - Consider approval for the full-time Shared Services position to ensure necessary staffing. **Refer to 3. Agenda; Motion.**

13. Announcements:

• Trustee Rush reminded all that the last training session for the StormReady Program will be the Winter Severe Weather will be conducted at Fire Station # 1, Sumpter Rd on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 6:30 pm. The class will be approximately one hour and is open to all who would like to attend.

• Trustee LaPorte announced that there was a flyer on the back boardroom table for Trunk or Treat being held at the Fire Station # 1, Sumpter Rd on Halloween night, Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. There'll be hot dogs, candy bars, donuts and the Sumpter Twp PD will be checking and "wandering" candy for the residents.

• Deputy Supervisor Armatis announced that, starting from November 1st to December 20th (back by popular demand), the Township employees will be wearing blue jeans if they contribute \$2.00 per day to the Sumpter Twp Community Outreach Program. The employee can elect to wear blue jeans for the entire 26 days and pay a total of \$52.00!

14. Open Floor: Five (5) people spoke.

15. Adjournment: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to adjourn at 7:22 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;

Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk

Sumpter Township

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Sumpter tables Zino's Class C Liquor License for Italian restaurant

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Zino's, at the corner of Bemis and Sumpter roads, is planning to become a sit-down, Italian restaurant and Sumpter Township is considering helping it with a Class C Liquor License.

After discussion, the board tabled action until the Nov. 26 meeting when Zino's attorney could be present.

At the Sumpter Township Board's Nov. 12 meeting, township attorney Rob Young, who is going in for open-heart surgery soon, explained the procedure.

He had expected the attorney for Zino's to be present at the Nov. 12 meeting, but he did not show up.

Young said Sumpter has had this liquor license for two census counts and this business is the only one to apply.

Young said Zino's has to pay \$1,000 to the state Liquor Control Commission to transfer the license, but there is no restriction on how long he has to keep it before he sells it to somebody else.

Under state law the township can't put restrictions on it, Young said. The decision on whether to grant it to Zino's is completely up to the township board.

Young said Zino's attorney said they were planning to have two employees, 18 seats inside the building and two seats outside along Sumpter Road.

Young said if the applicant was denied, he would have to go into the open market and purchase such a license.

"I have not checked into what, if any, such licenses are available at this time," Young wrote in a memo to the board. "I do know, however, that the price for such a license has increased over the past couple of years given the new developments and the strength of the economy."

Trustee Don LaPorte suggested they have Zino's go to the planning commission to put a better front on the building. Young said Zino's was in full compliance with ordinance rules.

Jay Bardell asked about the liquor license Zino's already has and Young said it was a cash and carry liquor license.

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Court Watching**Jaylin Crayton bound over after preliminary exam at 34th District Ct.**

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Jaylin Kasmier-Alante Crayton, 24, of Southfield, was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court for a Nov. 13 arraignment on the information after a Nov. 6 preliminary exam before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green.

Crayton is charged with possession of a weapon by a felon, possession of ammunition by a felon, carrying a concealed weapon, and two weapons charges.

He is lodged in Wayne County Jail on a bond of \$20,000/10% and has another felony warrant pending in Texas.

Before the preliminary exam started, Crayton's retained attorney Adam Clements stipulated to two prior convictions, one in Clinton County (weapons-firearms, receiving and concealing) and one in Oakland County (larceny from a motor vehicle), for the purposes of the exam only.

The first witness called by the Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Kiefer Cox was a man who worked for Great Lakes Security at the Trilogy Apartments at 11175 Haggerty Rd. in Van Buren Township.

He testified at about 2:30 a.m. on July 22 he was concluding his last patrol when he observed a male by the fence at Lighthouse Point. He said he asked the man what was going on and he stated he walked over from Southport, another apartment complex a mile away. The guard testified the man said he had walked through people's backyards in Haggerty subdivision. He testified the

man said he had relatives in the apartments.

The guard said the man, now identified as Crayton, asked the guard to drive him to Wayne Road, but the guard said no. He then asked the guard if he could plug in his phone to his vehicle to charge it up. The guard said it took about seven minutes for Crayton to charge up his phone enough to use and he made contact with somebody.

The guard testified Crayton was anxious to get out of there and kept moving around and putting his hands in and out of his pockets. The guard said as Crayton was backing up, he saw a bulging firearm shape in the "12 o'clock position" behind a belt buckle at Crayton's waist under his shirt.

He testified Crayton walked toward the North I-94 Service Drive and the guard drove to another location and called Van Buren Police.

The guard testified he told the dispatcher that Crayton was under the influence, had a weapon under his shirt, and had been walking through back yards and then jumped a fence.

VBT Officers Chris Hayes and Michael Rini arrived in separate cars and the guard provided a description, he said. The guard said they found Crayton at a local gas station. Police asked the guard to file a report at the police station.

Under cross examination by defense attorney Clements, the guard said he saw the "footprint" of a semi-automatic weapon behind Crayton's belt buckle.

The second witness was VBT Police Officer Rini who said he and Officer Hayes were dispatched, in separate vehicles, to the call of a man possibly armed with a handgun. Officer Rini said a man fitting the description was observed at the west side of Haggerty crossing to the BP gas station.

Officer Rini testified that police stopped

the man and did a pat down and retrieved a handgun from the front of Crayton's waist. Officer Rini said it was a small model Glock, semi-automatic with ammunition in the magazine but no round in the chamber.

Officer Rini said Crayton said he did not have a license for a concealed weapon. He reported the man said he carried the firearm for personal protection.

Defense attorney Clements showed a video of Crayton's interaction with police, obviously taken by a young lady who was attempting to pick him up. Clements protested that the "Terry pat" which Rini testified was done to Crayton was not done. The video shows the front view of Officer Hayes just raising Crayton's shirt to find the firearm.

Officer Rini was shown the video. He was behind Officer Hayes and said he did not see the "Terry pat" from that location.

Prosecutor Cox made a motion to bind Crayton over to circuit court to face the charges. Attorney Clements said you have to look at the totality of the circumstances and Crayton took 7-10 minutes to charge his phone and did not threaten the guard.

"My problem is people have concealed weapons," said Judge Green. "Why would you stop him?"

She said lifting the shirt is not a "Terry pat", but she conceded the gun would have been found eventually.

"Was there probable cause to approach him at all?" Judge Green asked.

Attorney Clements quoted the officers shown talking on the video, asking the guard how he could see the gun when they're both officers and they didn't see anything.

Clements said this makes him think that police could stop him if he is just walking down the street with a bulge at his waist.

There was a difference in what the prosecutor heard from police on the video, "We barely saw it," and what Clements said about them not seeing anything.

Judge Green asked to see the video and the laptop was brought up to the bench and she watched it.

"We barely see it and we're officers," is what was said, Judge Green noted.

The defense attorney said that on the video Officer Hayes said Crayton was probably on his way to Inkster or Wayne to kill somebody. Clements said Crayton's sister lives in the apartments and Crayton had been there before. He said the security guard lied when he said he'd never seen Crayton before.

The prosecutor said the guard saw the imprint of the gun on Crayton's shirt.

Judge Green said there was enough probable cause to bind him over but she didn't think it was a strong case.

Judge Green at first amended the bond to personal bond, but then was persuaded by the defense attorney to leave the \$20,000/10% bond in place because of the pending felony warrant from Texas.

Micaiah Carlin Minor

A probable cause conference was held before Judge Green by Micaiah Carlin Minor, 17, of Canton on a charge of second-degree murder in the death of Van

Buren Township resident John Robert McElreath, 64, on May 7 in an auto crash at the intersection of Belleville and Ecorse roads.

It is alleged that Minor, an unlicensed driver, was driving southbound on Belleville Road at a high rate of speed, when he disregarded a red light at Ecorse, crossed over the double-yellow line and drove into northbound traffic, striking the victim in his car. McElreath died from his injuries in the crash.

An independent competency hearing had been requested by the defense on Oct. 16 and on Nov. 6 retained defense attorney David Cripps stipulated to his client's competency to proceed. A preliminary exam was set for 9:05 a.m., Jan. 2, 2020 before 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley.

Minor is free after posting bond of \$50,000/10%.

Attorney Cripps had been scheduled for the probable cause conference for his client at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 6, but didn't arrive until after noon. Waiting for his arrival was the defendant and his family, a representative from Wayne Detroit Mental Health, and an insurance attorney for a pending civil case.

Heather Given Profitt

Two charges against Heather Given Profitt, 41, of Belleville, were dismissed by Judge Green at the request of the prosecutor on Nov. 6.

Profitt had been charged with identity theft and possession/sale of a stolen or counterfeit insurance certificate on Aug. 7 in the City of Belleville. She was free on \$10,000 personal bond.

Community Chorus presents "Carols in Candlelight" Dec. 8

On Sunday, Dec. 8, the Belleville Community Chorus will present its 14th annual holiday concert, "Carols in Candlelight," at the Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., in Belleville.

The performance is at 3 p.m., as it was last year, a change in day and time from the Saturday evening presentations of past years.

Under the leadership of director Rachel Parr, accompanied by Judith Weed, the concert will feature songs of the season. "Carols in Candlelight" will also include numbers by the Belleville Community Children's Chorus.

As always, the concert is free, although donations supporting the chorus are invited, encouraged, and welcomed.

Those interested in knowing more about or being a part of the Belleville Community Chorus may call Claudia Roullier at (734) 697-8235 or contact her at claudiarou47@yahoo.com.

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Most of the papers this week feature an insert by our hometown Ace Hardware on Sumpter Road just north of Willis Road and their Gifts from the Brands You Love Sale, going on now through Dec. 2. Get deals on the latest line of grills and grilling accessories, tools from Stanley, DeWalt, Craftsman, Milwaukee, Black & Decker, Stihl, and more. Check out their prices on Christmas décor, string lights, blowups, projectors, and more. Not all Independents will include the Ace insert. If you're one of them, visit www.acehardware.com. Call (734) 697-9363.

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Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue in Sumpter will be holding a Dine-to-Donate fundraiser on Nov. 24, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Haabs Restaurant in Ypsilanti. Call (734) 461-9458. The no-kill shelter will also be offering basic obedience and training classes during the winter. To learn more call (734) 449-4513.

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The Belleville Chamber of Commerce is getting ready for Winterfest Weekend, Dec. 5-8 at the Fourth Street Square and around the downtown area. Watch for the big tent going up soon and be sure to see their ad for the schedule and line-up in today's paper. I would say my favorite part of Winterfest has to be the parade and the people here and it's always great to have Animal Magic back for Saturday at 3 p.m. Love our hometown.

Last Saturday, once the news broke in the midafternoon that the Belleville Tigers football team defeated West Bloomfield and

advanced to the next round in the playoffs, Culver's owner and BHS alumn Alexis Carter (Bobbitt) put out a blast across the internet that she's celebrating by giving away a free single scoop of custard for the rest of the day. Alexis played tennis for me at BHS and she was a leader then, and remains a class act giving back to her community. Super cool Alexis, your Tiger stripes shine through.

Congratulations to the Tigers and their 27-22 victory over West Bloomfield last Saturday to capture the Division 1 Regional Championship. Belleville improved to 12-0 and will face Brighton (10-2) this Saturday at Howell High School in the state semifinals, beginning at 1 p.m. The winner advances to the finals at Ford Field over Thanksgiving weekend. Go Tigers!



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NORTH COUNTY LINE INTERCOUNTY DRAIN
(Washtenaw and Wayne Counties)

DATE: December 6, 2019

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

**LOCATION: Sumpter Township Community Center
23501 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan**

The North County Line Intercounty Drain Drainage Board will meet at the above date, time and location to consider the petition, dated November 5, 2019, for maintenance and improvement of an intercounty drain, located in Sumpter Township in Wayne County and Augusta Township in Washtenaw County, pursuant to Chapter 8 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended, to determine the sufficiency of signatures on said petition, to go over the route of the intercounty drain, and to further determine whether the maintenance and improvement of the intercounty drain is practicable.

Proceedings conducted at this public meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Public comment will be received at the meeting from anyone owning lands liable to an assessment, or whose lands will be crossed by the drain, or any municipality affected. Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting, or additional information may be obtained from the following offices:

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Commissioner
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Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103
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Wayne County Drain Commissioner
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Dated: November 19, 2019

Brady Harrington, Deputy
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DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
- 2) Homestead exemption status; and
- 3) Poverty exemptions.

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Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Post: November 15, 2019

Publish: November 21, 2019
November 28, 2019
December 5, 2019

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan to consider the following requests.

1. **Case 19-029:** A request by Judy Pendergrass on behalf of DTE ASOC to rezone a portion of a parcel V-125- 83-046-99-0011-705 located on the east side of Haggerty Road, south of Ecorse Road with the address 8001 Haggerty Road, from C-1, General Business District to M-1, Light Industrial District.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or by e-mail at mbest@vanburen-mi.org. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact the Van Buren Township Planning & Economic Development department at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.

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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE Notice of Adoption Ordinance No. 19-002

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE PENALTY OF JUVENILES WHO VIOLATE THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES

The City of Belleville, Wayne County, Michigan, hereby ordains:

Section I

Any person under 17 years of age convicted of a violation of the city ordinances under the discretion of the Prosecutor may be guilty of or responsible for a municipal civil infraction (except violations of the Michigan Vehicle Code) or misdemeanor and punishable by a fine not more than \$500.00 in the discretion of the court regardless of any penalty provisions that may be stated in any specific ordinance of the city.

Ordinance No. 19-002 was adopted by the Belleville City Council on July 18, 2019 and will become effective on December 2, 2019. A complete and true copy of Ordinance No. 19-002 is available for inspection and may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: November 21, 2019

Sumpter Township Public Notice

SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

The Township of Sumpter, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, is seeking sealed bids for snow removal of sidewalks, driveways, handicap ramps using Wayne County grant monies.

Bids must include the following:

- 1) Commercial Vehicle insurance for all vehicles used.
- 2) List of equipment used to provide snow removal.
- 3) Employer Federal Tax I.D.
- 4) Copy of Business License.
- 5) List of all drivers and their drivers' license numbers.
- 6) Liability insurance naming Sumpter Township as an additional insured. To be provided also from each contractor, if subcontractors are used to provide snow removal.
- 7) Workers compensation certificate if employees are used to provide service.
- 8) Payment to be supplied from Wayne County Grant Funds-all regulations to be complied with.
- 9) Sealed bids to be submitted to Township Clerks Office by November 22, 2019 at 3:00 pm. Bids to be opened November 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

The Township of Sumpter is an equal opportunity employer.

Publish November 14, 2019 and November 21, 2019

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 432 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Nov 10:
0012 – traffic offense, Belleville/S. I-94 Service
0216 – family trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.
0504 – missing person, Parkwood Dr.
0617 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
0857 – family trouble, Oak Ln.
1000 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Berkdale Dr.

1041 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1123 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1125 – private property impound, Rawsonville Rd.
1202 – property damage accident, E. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1203 – family trouble, Denton Rd.
1530 – harassment call, Harmony Ln.
1810 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1929 – assist other dept., Cedarhurst Dr.

Monday, Nov. 11:
0746 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. Grove St.
0755 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0829 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0830 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
0831 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0834 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Ormond Dr.
0847 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0952 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
1113 – property damage accident, Denton Rd.
1113 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1121 – property damage accident, Savage Rd.
1214 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
1230 – disorderly, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1233 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Ricardo Dr.

1242 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1457 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1523 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bog Rd.
1545 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1553 – threat, Ash Dr.
1558 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Hannan Rd.
1640 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1659 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1658 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1710 – property damage accident, Denton/Ecorse
1822 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
2136 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brandi Dr.
2213 – disorderly, America

Tuesday, Nov. 12:
0028 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0224 – 911 welfare check, Harmony Ln.
0633 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
0713 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0913 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
0934 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1021 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1120 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1126 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
1147 – private property/property damage accident, Tyler Rd.
1157 – assault & battery, Coolidge St.
1204 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Old Denton Rd.
1240 – assist other dept., Paloma Dr.
1313 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1323 – suicidal person, Rose Blvd.
1338 – assist other dept., Martz Rd.
1345 – juvenile complaint, Crowley Ave.
1444 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1504 – traffic offense, Sheldon Rd.
1504 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Beck
1640 – lost property/child, Meadows Ln.
1751 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1803 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1903 – threat, Independence Ln.
1905 – fraud, Oak Ln.
Wednesday, Nov. 13:
0055 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0515 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Water’s Edge Ln.
0547 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0647 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0900 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1001 – fraud, Holly Ln.
1123 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Ryznar Dr.
1203 – road hazard, WB Michigan Ave./bypass
1328 – threat, N. Cumberland Dr.
1424 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren Ln.
1457 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./Van Born Rd.
1530 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beckley Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1600 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
1653 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1701 – property damage accident, Quirk Rd. / McBride Ave.
1708 – larceny, Country Walk Blvd.
1938 – suspicious person/vehicle, Briarwood Dr.
2212 – suspicious person/vehicle, boat launch Rawsonville

Thursday, Nov. 14:
0230 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
0333 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd.
0417 – property damage accident, Van Born / Haggerty Rd.
0521 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
0650 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
0705 – road hazard, Denton Rd. / S. I-94 Service
0733 – property damage accident, McBride Ave. / Quirk Rd.
0742 – assault & battery, Bradley Dr.
0836 – property damage accident, Lohr Rd./Bemis
0936 – mental subject, Lexington Ct.
1214 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1536 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1807 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./Van Born
1829 – assist other dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1840 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
2258 – noise complaint, Sugarbush
2338 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.

Friday, Nov. 15:
0046 – noise complaint, Park Estates Dr.
0235 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1009 – private property impound, Ecorse Rd.
1035 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1040 – traffic offense, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1115 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1320 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
1342 – hospice death, Purple Sage Ct.
1446 – abandoned auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1626 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1645 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1825 – property damage accident, Belleville / McDonalds
2142 – noise complaint, Sugarbush Ln.
2316 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
2352 – suspicious person/vehicle, maple Dr.

Saturday, Nov. 16:
0033 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0037 – operating while intoxicated, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Beckley Rd.
0232 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0318 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
0644 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Bellridge Dr.
1044 – suicidal person, Borgman Ave.
1110 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd.
1303 – disorderly, Buchanan St.
1428 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd.
1454 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1536 – threat, Denton Rd.
1607 – fight, Willow Way
1639 – assist other dept., N. Ponderosa Trl.
1842 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.
1853 – lost property/child, Oak Ln.
2011 – runaway, Quirk Rd.
2025 – holdup alarm, Arthur St.
2036 – suspicious person/vehicle, Venetian Ave.
2137 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
2150 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ashbury Dr.
2157 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lancaster Dr.

2209 – domestic, Greenbriar Dr.
2358 – animal complaint, Hull Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 113 traffic stops, 35 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 10:
0931 – follow up by officer, Fourth St.
1047 – traffic offense, Main St.
1132 – traffic offense, Liberty/Fifth
1140 – traffic offense, Main St.
1315 – suspicious person/vehicle, Astor
1745 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia
Monday, Nov. 11:
1229 – civil matter, Sumpter Rd.
1739 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2341 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.

Tuesday, Nov. 12:
1032 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
1205 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1340 – vehicle lock out, Belle Villa Blvd.
1456 – road hazard, W. Columbia Ave.
1634 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1727 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
2047 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.

Wednesday, Nov. 13:
0251 – intrusion alarm, Carmell
0721 – intrusion alarm, San Carlos St.
0748 – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa
1059 – follow up by officer, Astor Pl.
1442 – threat, Main St.
1623 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1803 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
2248 – family trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.

Thursday, Nov. 14:
1109 – welfare check, Estrada
1241 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1343 – animal complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr. / Light Tower Dr.
1345 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1422 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1638 – assist other dept., Oxford Ct.
1657 – assist fire dept. Church St.
1825 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.

Friday, Nov. 15:
1048 – assist fire dept., South St.
1239 – intrusion alarm, Potter Dr.
1450 – property check, Sumpter Rd.
1540 – parking complaint, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2220 – assist motorist, Main St./Roys St.

Saturday, Nov. 16:
0943 – traffic offense, main St.
1139 – domestic, Main St./High St.
1348 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1602 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1914 – malicious destruction of property, Henry
2159 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2353 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 10 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 10:
0044 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0131 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0321 -- assist other agency, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
0623 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Rustic Ln.
0824 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Edgewood Dr.
0849 – alarm, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1019 – assist other agency, out of township
1129 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
1154 – property damage accident, Rustic Ln.
1345 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1646 – shots fired, 42000 bl. Wear Rd.
1717 – missing person, Greenmeadow Dr.
1826 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
2252 – family trouble, Edgewood Dr.

Monday, Nov. 11:
0657 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0754 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Judd
0759 – personal injury accident, 43000 bl. Bemis
0824 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willow

0827 – assist other agency, out of township
0842 – animal complaint, Savage/Harris
1020 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1101 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1318 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1350 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Judd
1426 – citizen assist, Willow/Rawsonville
1437 – property damage accident, 48000 bl. Willis
1506 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Wear
1521 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Wear
1544 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
1722 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Haggerty

1807 – property damage accident, Willow / Carleton West
2015 – suspicious person, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2126 – suspicious incident, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2355 – ORV complaint, Sumpter/Arkona

Tuesday, Nov. 12:
0227 – alarm, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0427 – civil dispute, Redwood St.
0618 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1013 – juvenile complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1542 – civil dispute, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1640 – larceny, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1911 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1927 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1935 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 13:
0053 – alarm, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
0718 – suspicious vehicle, Martinsville/Willow
1031 – well-being check, Redwood Ct.
1132 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1205 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1225 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1233 – alarm, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1537 – well-being check, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1717 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
2016 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
2146 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Martinsville

Thursday, Nov. 14:
0053 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0947 – disorderly person, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1044 – identity theft, 6000 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1101 – alarm, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
1208 – assist other agency, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1337 – larceny, Timerlane Dr.
1457 – ordinance violation, 23000 bl. Sherwood
1548 – alarm, 21000 bl. Meri Dr.
1702 – assault, Virginia
1712 – suspicious vehicle, 13000 bl. Rawsonville

Friday, Nov. 15:
0029 – citizen assist, Bemis/Rawsonville
1055 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1139 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1142 – alarm, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1341 – assist other agency, Greenmeadow Dr.
1402 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1414 – assist other agency, Carriage Ln.
1820 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1839 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1845 – reckless driver, Bemis/Savage
1914 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Carleton West
2000 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis
2034 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.

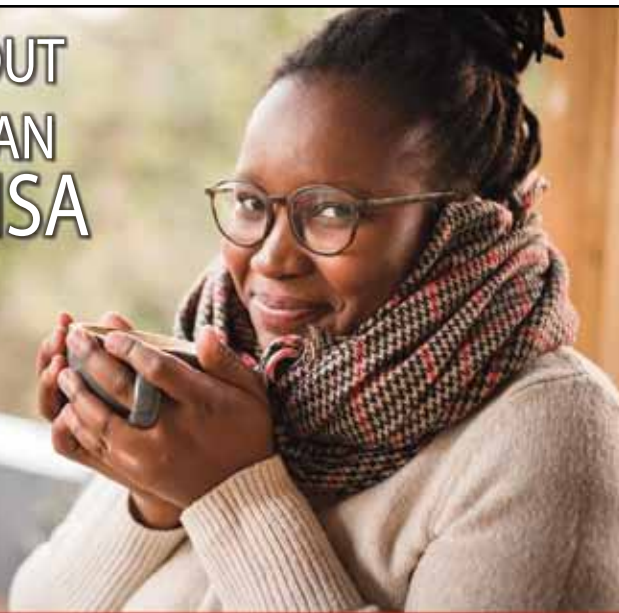
Saturday, Nov. 16:
1359 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1408 – breaking & entering, Carriage Ln.
1416 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1605 – suspicious person, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1708 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1856 – civil dispute, Pecan St.
1922 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
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2014 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2043 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
2247 – reckless driver, Judd/Sherwood

Also on this week’s log are four follow-up investigations, 17 miscellaneous details, 27 patrol checks, and 19 traffic stops.

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Rep. Joe Bellino says MCCA rate reduction shows great progress

A rate reduction announced by the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association shows recently approved fixes to the state's broken car insurance system are working, said State Rep. Joe Bellino, R-Monroe.

The Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association announced it will charge a \$100 per vehicle assessment for the year-long period beginning July 2, 2020 – a 55% reduction and a direct result of reforms Bellino supported.

The MCCA said the \$100 per vehicle assessment -- the lowest rate since 2003 -- will be charged only to drivers choosing to maintain unlimited lifetime personal injury

protection benefits in their car insurance policies. Drivers who choose lower coverage limits under Michigan's revised no-fault insurance law will avoid the fee altogether.

The current \$220 fee is assessed on all insured vehicles.

"We're basically getting rid of an unfair tax on drivers and restoring sanity to Michigan's car insurance system," said Bellino. "This is great news for all drivers, but especially those on fixed incomes or fighting to make ends meet. It's real reform that will save people money for their other priorities."



City of Belleville Public Notice



PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN
ORDINANCE TO RESTATE THE CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCE AND TOXIC CHEMICALS SECTION
OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE CODE OF
ORDINANCES**



The Belleville City Council will conduct a public hearing on December 2, 2019 beginning at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the agenda will permit. The hearing will be conducted at the City of Belleville City Hall, located at 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from the public regarding an ordinance to "restate the controlled substance and toxic chemicals section of the City of Belleville Code of Ordinances."

Pertinent information is available for review at Belleville City Hall during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the City Council at the above address prior to the meeting. Written comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. on December 2, 2019. After that time and date, they may be hand-delivered to the City Council at the December 2, 2019 public hearing.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk/Treasurer

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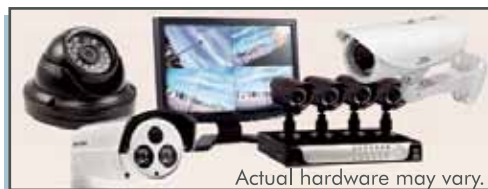
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24 month lease for \$207 per month*
OR 0% APR + \$2,750 cash.



2020 FUSION SE
24 month lease for \$155 per month*
OR 0% APR + \$2,000 cash.



**2019 RANGER
SUPERCREW 4x4**
24 month lease for \$106 per month*
OR 0% APR + \$5,750 cash.

PAYING TOP \$ FOR YOUR TRADE-IN!



**2019 F-150 CREWCAB
XLT LUXURY 4x4**
24 month lease for \$118 per month*
OR \$10,090 cash.



**2020 EXPLORER
4WD XLT**
24 month lease for \$238 per month*
OR 0% APR + \$4,020 cash.



**2018 FORD
FUSION SE**
Comes with Limited
Comprehensive Warranty!
\$16,500

* WITH APPROVED CREDIT FOR RETURNING A/Z PLAN LESSEES, INCLUDES MODEL RENEWAL AND/OR COMPETITOR REBATES. NO SECURITY DEPOSIT. 10,500 MILES A YEAR FOR 24MO. PAYMENT PLUS TAX, \$2000 DOWN, PLUS FIRST PAYMENT TAXES, TITLE, DOC. FEE AND LICENSE DUE AT SIGNING. EXPIRES 11/30/2019